## **Instructions**

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Outdoor Heritage Fund						
Status and Final Report Form/Guidelines						
This report is used to show progress of grant projects funded through the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Status Reports and the Final Report must be submitted as required in Contract.						
Contract Number		Report Date	Period Covered by Report (xx/xx/xx to xx/xx/xx)			
009-110		April 16, 2020	12/16/2019 to 3/31/2020			
Project Name						
Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project						
Project Sponsor Name						
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.						
Responsible Official (Last, First Middle)  Responsible Official's Title						
Gue, Tanner Regional Biologist – ND						
Project Sponsor Address						
2525 River Road						
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number			
Bismarck	ND	58503	701-355-3592			
Financial Update Please provide the form	ollowing inf	ormation regarding th	ne funding for your project based on the contract award:			

	Funds Spent THIS Reporting Period*	Total Funds Spent to Date	Balance of Remaining Funds
Match Funding	\$23,750.31	\$174,069.06	\$262,786.84
In-kind Funding	\$0.00	\$22,565.17	(\$11,162.17)
OHF Funding	\$27,705.47	\$201,108.82	\$424,286.08
Total	\$51,455.78	\$397,743.05	\$675,910.75

Do you anticipate needing to request a grant extension? /\_/ Yes /X/ No

If yes, please explain:

<sup>\*</sup>As appropriate please provide copies of receipts for purchases.

Work Completed during Period Covered by Report:

(This information will be posted on the Outdoor Heritage Fund/Industrial Commission website)

The Cover Crop & Livestock Integration Project (CCLIP) was designed to provide North Dakota farmers and ranchers with the financial assistance needed to kick-start sustainable agricultural practices that meet their operational goals and diversify their operations while improving soil health, water quality, grassland health, and wildlife habitat. Interest in the program remains very strong.

During this reporting period alone, Ducks Unlimited biologists have worked directly with more than 7 different farmers and ranchers interested in CCLIP. To date, a total of approximately 71% (\$443,140.92 / \$625,394.90) of awarded funds have been obligated to 20 different CCLIP agreements for grazing infrastructure and cover crop seed costs. All 20 projects are currently underway or have been completed.

Expected direct benefits of the 20 projects include enhancement of approximately 4,550.5 acres of cropland (86% of goal: 4,550.5 / 5,280) and 6,031.7 acres of adjacent grasslands (317% of goal: 6,031.7 / 1,900).

During this reporting period, Ducks Unlimited biologists and agronomists have continued extensive outreach and effectively advertised the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund, CCLIP1 and CCLIP2. For example, the Ducks Unlimited bio-agronomy team was invited to speak at more than 5 different landowner workshops and 1 soil health conference across North Dakota, directly speaking to more than 70 farmers and ranchers. One landowner enrolled in CCLIP1 spoke to a group of 30 farmers in Enderlin, ND about his positive experience with regenerative agriculture practices promoted by the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund (Figure 1). Additionally, Ducks Unlimited staff hosted two roundtable discussions in early March for farmers and ranchers enrolled in North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund programs. Open discussion topics included agricultural practices and techniques, conservation program options, and the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Thanks to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund and CCLIP, this landowner was able to reduce winter feed costs for his cattle, improve soil health and functionality on his cropland acres, and increase rest and recovery time on his perennial pasture acres. Here he shares how the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund positively influenced the economics of his operation with other farmers and ranchers near Enderlin, ND.

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Figure 2: Ducks Unlimited staff hosted 2 roundtable discussions for folks enrolled in North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund programs. Here, a rancher addresses concepts related to rotational grazing and rest and recovery durations on perennial grasslands.

Photos of work completed are welcome (If appropriate, please submit photos of key elements of the project completed or in progress during reporting period) Do not exceed five photos per project report.

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